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Westminster, October 31.

THIS Day His Majesty came to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Francis Molyneux, Knight, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to make the following most Gracious Speech:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

NOTHING could have afforded Me so much Satisfaction as to have been able to inform you, at the Opening of this Session, that the Troubles, which have so long distracted My Colonies in North America, were at an End; and that my unhappy People, recovered from their Delusion, had delivered themselves from the Oppression of their Leaders, and returned to their Duty; but so daring and desperate is the Spirit of those Leaders, whose Object has always been Dominion and Power, that they have now openly renounced all Allegiance to the Crown, and all political Connection with this Country: They have rejected, with Circumstances of Indignity and Insult, the Means of Conciliation, held out to them under the Authority of Our Commission; and have presumed to set up their rebellious Confederacies for independent States. If their Treason be suffered to take Root, much Mischief must grow from it, to the Safety of My loyal Colonies, to the Commerce of My Kingdoms, and indeed to the present System of all Europe. One great Advantage, however, will be derived from the Object of the Rebels being openly avowed, and clearly understood; We shall have Unanimity at Home, founded in the general Conviction of the Justice and Necessity of Our Measures.

I am happy to inform you, that, by the Blessing of Divine Providence on the good Conduct and Valour of My Officers and Forces by Sea and Land, and on the Zeal and Bravery of the Auxiliary Troops in My Service, Canada is recovered; and although, from unavoidable Delays, the Operations at New York could not begin before the Month of August, the Success in that Province has been so important as to give the strongest Hopes of the most decisive good Consequences: But, notwithstanding this fair Prospect, We must, at all Events, prepare for another Campaign.

I continue to receive Assurances of Amity from the several Courts of Europe; and am using my utmost Endeavours to conciliate unhappy Differences between two neighbouring Powers; and I still hope, that all Misunderstandings may be removed, and Europe continue to enjoy the inestimable Blessings of Peace: I think nevertheless that, in the present Situation of Affairs, it is expedient that We should be in a respectable State of Defence at Home.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I will order the Estimates for the ensuing Year to be laid before you. It is Matter of real Concern to Me, that the important Considerations which I have stated to you must necessarily be followed by great Expence: I doubt not, however, but that My faithful Commons will readily and cheerfully grant Me such Supplies, as the Maintenance of the Honour of My Crown, the Vindication of the just Rights of Parliament, and the publick Welfare, shall be found to require.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

In this arduous Contest I can have no other Object but to promote the true Interests of all My

Subjects. No People ever enjoyed more Happiness, or lived under a milder Government, than those now revolted Provinces: The Improvements in every Art, of which they boast, declare it: Their Numbers, their Wealth, their Strength by Sea and Land, which they think sufficient to enable them to make Head against the whole Power of the Mother Country, are irrefragable Proofs of it. My Desire is to restore to them the Blessings of Law and Liberty, equally enjoyed by every British Subject, which they have fatally and desperately exchanged for all the Calamities of War, and the arbitrary Tyranny of their Chiefs.

At the Court at St. James's, the 30th Day of October, 1776,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council. His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable George Lord Onslow to be Lord Lieutenant of the County of Surrey, His Lordship this Day took the Oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

By the KING,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,
For a General Fast.

G E O R G E R.

WE, taking into Our most serious Consideration the just and necessary Measures of Force which We are obliged to use against Our rebellious Subjects in Our Colonies and Provinces in North America, and putting Our Trust in Almighty God, that He will vouchsafe a special Blessing on Our Arms both by Sea and Land, have resolved, and do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby command, That a Publick Fast and Humiliation be observed throughout that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, Our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, upon Friday the 13th Day of December next; that so both We and Our People may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon of Our Sins; and may, in the most devout and solemn Manner, send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for averting those heavy Judgments which Our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved, and for imploring his Intervention and Blessing speedily to deliver Our loyal Subjects within Our Colonies and Provinces in North America from the Violence, Injustice, and Tyranny, of those daring Rebels who have assumed to themselves the Exercise of Arbitrary Power; to open the Eyes of those who have been deluded by specious Falshoods into Acts of Treason and Rebellion; to turn the Hearts of the Authors of these Calamities, and finally to restore Our People in those distracted Provinces and Colonies to the happy Condition of being free Subjects of a free State; under which heretofore they flourished so long and prospered so much. And We do strictly charge and command, That the said Publick Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in England, Our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid his Wrath and Indignation; and upon Pain of such Punishment as We may justly inflict upon all such as contemn and neglect the Performance of so religious a Duty. And, for the better and more orderly solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the Most Reverend the Archbishops, and the Right Reverend the Bishops of England, to compose

compose a Prayer, to be used in all Churches, Chapels, and Places of Publick Worship, and to take Care the same be timely dispersed throughout their respective Dioceses. Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Thirtieth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, in the Seventeenth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,
For a General Fast.

GEORGE R.

WE taking into Our most serious Consideration the just and necessary Measures of Force, which We are obliged to use against Our rebellious Subjects in Our Colonies and Provinces in North America, and putting Our Trust in Almighty God that he will vouchsafe a special Blessing on Our Arms both by Sea and Land, have resolved, and do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby command, That a Publick Fast and Humiliation be observed throughout that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, upon Thursday the Twelfth Day of December next, that so both We and Our People may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon of Our Sins, and may, in the most devout and solemn Manner, send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for averting those heavy Judgments which Our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved, and for imploring His Intervention and Blessing speedily to deliver Our Loyal Subjects within Our Colonies and Provinces in North America, from the Violence, Injustice, and Tyranny of those daring Rebels, who have assumed to themselves the Exercise of Arbitrary Power; to open the Eyes of those who have been deluded by specious Falsehoods into Acts of Treason and Rebellion; to turn the Hearts of the Authors of these Calamities; and finally to restore Our People, in those distracted Provinces and Colonies, to the happy Condition of being Free Subjects of a Free State, under which heretofore they flourished so long, and prospered so much. — And We do strictly charge and command, that the said Publick Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in Scotland, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation, and upon Pain of such Punishment as we may justly inflict on all such as contemn and neglect the Performance of so Religious a Duty. Our Will is therefore, and We charge, That incontinent this Our Proclamation seen, ye pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance. And Our Will and Pleasure is, That Our Solicitor do cause printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewarties, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom We ordain to see the same published: And We appoint them to send Doubles hereof to the several Paroch Kirks within their Bounds, that upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day abovementioned, the same may be published and read from the Pulpits, immediately after Divine Service. Given at Our Court at St. James's the Thirtieth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, in the Seventeenth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

Petersburg, October 8. Yesterday Morning at Ten o'Clock the four first Classes of the Nobility, and the Foreign Ministers, assembled at the Palace, on a Signal of five Guns being fired from the Fortress; and soon after Eleven the Empress, with the Great Duke and Dutchess, proceeded to the Chapel, where the Marriage Ceremony was performed by her Imperial Majesty's Confessor. Prince Orlov held the Crown over the Head of the Great Duke, and Monf. Betskoy over the Head of the Great Dutchess. After the Ceremony a Sermon was preached by Plato, Archbishop of Moscow. On Account of the Length and Fatigue

receive the Compliments of Congratulation of the Nobility and Foreign Ministers, as had been intended. Her Imperial Majesty afterwards dined in Publick upon the Throne, with the Great Duke and Dutchess. Tables were spread in the same Saloon for the four first Classes of the Nobility. In the Evening there was a Ball at Court; and the Festivities of the Day were concluded by very magnificent Illuminations.

This Morning the Nobility and Foreign Ministers had the Honour of complimenting their Imperial Highnesses in their Apartments; and this Evening there will be a Ball at Court, and Supper for the four first Classes and the Foreign Ministers.

St. James's, November 2.

There will be a Levee at St. James's on Monday next the 4th Instant, which will be continued on Mondays, as usual, until farther Notice.

Dublin-Castle, October 23, 1776.

This Day being the Anniversary of the Irish Rebellion in 1641, in the Morning the Flag was displayed on Bedford Tower; at Noon the Great Guns at the Salute Battery in His Majesty's Park the Phoenix were fired three Rounds, and answered by Volleys from the Regiments in Garrison, which were drawn out in the Royal Square at the Barracks; and the Evening concluded with Bonfires, Illuminations, and all other Demonstrations of Joy.

Dublin, October 26, 1776.

Yesterday being the Anniversary of His Majesty's happy Accession to the Throne, in the Morning the Flag was displayed on Bedford Tower; at Noon the Great Guns at the Salute Battery in His Majesty's Park the Phoenix were fired three Rounds, and answered by Volleys from the Regiments in Garrison, which were drawn out in the Royal Square at the Barracks. In the Evening a Play was given by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for the Entertainment of the Ladies; and the Night concluded with Bonfires, Illuminations, and all other Demonstrations of Joy.

Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich,
August 3, 1776.

THE Commissioners and Governors of the said Royal Hospital do hereby give Notice, that at Salters-Hall in London, on Wednesday the 5th of February next, or as soon after as may be, Fourstones Colliery in the County of Northumberland, now in the Tenure or Occupation of Henry Errington, Esq; will be lett on Lease for Two Years, to commence from the 12th Day of May, 1777. All Persons willing to take the said Colliery are desired to give in their Proposals in Writing to Mr. Ibbetson, at the Admiralty Office, London.

Note, The said Commissioners and Governors will reserve a Power of new winning the said Colliery, in such Manner as they shall judge proper; and the Person or Persons to whom the Colliery shall be lett, for the said Term, are to be restrained from working any of the whole Coal, which shall be won or laid dry, by any new Winning made at the Expence of the said Commissioners and Governors.

J. Ibbetson, Secretary.

Blenheim, November 4, 1776.

HIS Majesty's Lieutenant of the County of Oxford hereby gives Notice, that there is a Want of Officers to serve in the Militia of the said County: All Gentlemen, therefore, who are qualified and willing to serve, are desired to return their Names and Intention to His Majesty's said Lieutenant, or in his Absence to any General Quarter Sessions for the said County.

MARLBOROUGH.

THE Governors of the Charity for the Relief of the Poor Widows and Children of Clergymen do hereby give Notice, that their Annual General Court appointed by their Charter will be held at the Corporation Office, No. 13, Paper-buildings, in the Inner Temple, London, on Thursday the 14th of November instant, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, for the Choice of Officers for the Year ensuing.

Thomas Wall, Penit.

From October 27, to October 26, 1776.
By the Standard WINCHESTER Bushel of
Eight Gallons.

	Wheat.	Rye.	Barley.	Oats.	Beans.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
London,	4 9 3 0 2 1 1 11 3 1				
COUNTIES INLAND.					
Middlesex,	5 3		2 5	2 2	3 3
Surry,	5 1	3 5	2 5	2 2	3 7
Hertford,	4 10		2 5	2 1	3 9
Bedford,	4 8	3 3	2 2	1 11	3 0
Cambridge,	5 0	2 11	2 1	1 7	2 6
Huntingdon,	4 9		2 3	1 8	3 2
Northampton,	4 10	2 6	2 1	1 11	3 3
Rutland,	4 7		2 1	1 9	3 9
Leicester,	4 8	3 2	2 2	1 10	3 8
Nottingham,	4 6	3 3	2 0	1 10	3 8
Derby,	4 11		2 4	1 10	3 10
Stafford,	4 10	3 4	2 1	1 9	3 8
Salop,	4 7	2 11	1 11	1 8	3 4
Hereford,	4 9		2 0	2 0	
Worcester,	5 0		2 3	2 0	3 8
Warwick,	5 1		2 6	2 3	3 9
Gloucester,	4 11		2 3	1 11	3 0
Wilts,	4 10		2 3	2 0	3 10
Berks,	4 11	4 0	2 5	2 1	3 1
Oxford,	4 9		2 3	2 2	3 3
Bucks,	4 10		2 2	2 0	3 0

	Wheat.	Rye.	Barley.	Oats.	Beans.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
COUNTIES upon the COAST.					
Essex,	4 8	3 3	2 6	2 1	3 3
Suffolk,	4 5	2 10	2 0	1 10	2 10
Norfolk,	4 4	2 10	1 11	1 8	2 10
Lincoln,	4 3	3 3	2 0	1 6	3 6
York,	4 8	3 0	2 4	1 8	3 8
Durham,	4 7	3 5	2 5	1 9	3 11
Northumberland,	4 2	3 1	2 2	1 7	3 1
Cumberland,	4 8	2 10	1 11	1 6	3 2
Westmorland,	5 5	3 5	2 4	1 6	
Lancashire,	5 4		2 6	1 10	3 9
Cheshire,	4 9	2 11	2 3	1 5	
Monmouth,	5 3		2 1	1 7	
Somerset,	5 4	3 3	2 3	1 10	3 1
Devon,	5 8		2 4	1 4	
Cornwall,	5 3		2 2	1 4	
Dorset,	5 6		2 2	1 10	3 6
Hampshire,	4 10		2 4	2 0	3 2
Sussex,	4 6		2 4	2 2	3 4
Kent,	4 9		2 5	2 1	2 8

From October 14, to October 19, 1776.

	Wheat.	Rye.	Barley.	Oats.	Beans.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
North Wales,	4 11	3 10	2 2	1 4	3 5
South Wales,	5 0	3 10	2 8	1 5	3 0

Part of SCOTLAND.

Wheat.	Rye.	Barley.	Oats.	Beans.	Biz.
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Willm Cooke.

Preston, October 20, 1776.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Dividend of Five Shillings in the Pound of the Estate and Effects of Mr. Oliver Farrer, late of Preston in the County Palatine of Lancaster, Liquor-merchant, will be made at Mr. Bickerstaff's Office in Preston aforesaid, on Monday the 25th Day of November next, to such of his Creditors as are willing to accept of the same under the Assignment heretofore advertised, and who will send a particular Account of their respective Demands forthwith to the said Mr. Bickerstaff; and all Persons who are anyways indebted to the said Mr. Farrer, are requested to pay the same immediately, or proper Steps will be took to compel Payment thereof without further Notice.

THE Creditors (if any) of Mr. John Micklam, late of Bowley in the Parish of Pagham in the County of Sussex, Yeoman, deceased, who have not transmitted Accounts of their Demands, are desired to send such Accounts to Mr. Henry Halsted, of West Stoke near Chichester in the said County, Yeoman, or Mr. Thomas Halsted, of Merton near the same City, Yeoman, Trustees under the Will of the said John Micklam, on or before the last Day of November next, in order to enable the said Trustees to calculate what Dividend the Estates and Effects of the said John Micklam will amount to discharge.

THE Executors in Trust of the Will of Robert Boyce, late of Scarborough in Yorkshire, Innholder, deceased, hereby give Notice to his Creditors, that they intend to meet on Thursday and Friday, the 14th and 15th Days of November next, at the Office of Mr. John Hebb, Attorney, in Scarborough, to pay the said Creditors; and such Persons as have not delivered an Account of their Demands are desired to send the same to Mr. Hebb, on or before the 13th Day of November, or they will be excluded; and such Persons as are indebted to the said Robert Boyce, are requested to make Payment to Mr. Hebb, on or before the said 13th of November, otherwise they will be sued without farther Notice. Dated the 21st Day of October, 1776.

TO be sold, pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Chancery, before John Hett, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, on Monday the 18th Day of November instant, between the Hours of Five and Six in the Afternoon, One clear yearly Rent-charge or Annuity of 175L. well se-

Year of Age, or thereabouts. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against John Skudder Holroyd and Edward Smith, of Crutched-friars, London, Wine-merchants and Copartners, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupts Estate and Effects, on Wednesday the 13th of November instant, at Six in the Afternoon, at Guildhall Coffee-house, Guildhall-yard, to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees commencing, prosecuting, or defending, any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; or to their compounding, submitting to Arbitration, or otherwise agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating to the same; and on other special Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against John Ayliffe, late of Blandford in the County of Dorset, Dealer and Chapman, deceased, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, on Thursday the 7th Day of November instant, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, at the King's Arms Inn, in New Sarum in the County of Wilts, in order to assent to or dissent from the said Bankrupt's Assignees commencing, prosecuting, or defending any Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; or to their compounding, submitting to Arbitration, or otherwise agreeing any Matter or Thing relating thereto, and on other special Affairs.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Thomas Howard, of Gerrard-street in the Parish of St. Ann in the Liberty of Westminster in the County of Middlesex, Upholder and Paper-stainer, and he being declared a Bankrupt, are hereby required to surrender to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 12th and 19th Days of November instant at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, and on the 14th Day of December next, at the Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Messrs. Wallis and Parker, Norfolk-street, Strand, London.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Edward Perry, late of Shepton Mallet in the County of Somerset, Clothworker, Sheersman, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 7th and 9th Days of November instant, and on the 14th Day of December next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon on each Day, at the House of James Canning, called the George Inn, in the City of Wells, Somersetshire, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Joseph Browne, Attorney, in Shepton Mallet, or Mr. John Berry, Attorney, in Meard-street, Dean-street, Soho, London.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against James Doves, late of the City of Rochester in the County of Kent, Tobacco and Snuff-manufacturer, and he being declared a Bankrupt is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 16th and 30th Days of November instant, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, and on the 14th Day of December next at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Shepherd, Boswell-court, near Lincoln's-inn, London.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Richard Horniman, of Abingdon in the County of Berks, Grocer, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 8th and 16th Days of November instant at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, and on the 14th Day of December next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees; and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination; and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Goodman, Bull and Mouth-street, London.